

KOBRE, WIFE BANKS RUINED, FOUND DEAD

Police Say Suicide by Gas—
Coroner's Doctor Finds
Natural Cause.

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Max Kobre, whose chain of private banks failed two years ago, was found dead yesterday in the kitchen of his home at 115 West 122d street. His body was lying near a gas range in which one unlighted burner was partly opened. On the blotter at the West 122d street police station it was recorded that Kobre had committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas.

Dr. Edgar T. Ray, Coroner's physician, however, reported that death was due to hardening of the arteries and chronic heart disease. Members of the banker's family also denied that he took his own life.

Although Mr. Kobre had been worrying about the closing of his banks by the State Banking Department, his relatives said that he appeared quite cheerful on Saturday morning. It was rather odd, as was his habit. About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, they told Dr. Ray, he left his bed to go to the kitchen for a glass of water. He was found by his wife, who had been in the room, but he had been dead for some time.

Wife Finds Banker's Body

About 4:30 o'clock his wife, Mrs. Sarah Kobre, missed him and went in search of him. She found him lying on the floor of the kitchen. He was wearing a white shirt and dark trousers. She found that he had been dead for some time.

As further indication that the banker had been seized with vertigo and had died while in the kitchen, it was found that he had been subjected to dizzy spells, requiring the summoning of an ambulance from Volunteer Hospital on several occasions. Dr. Ray said that the family said that only a faint odor of gas was perceptible when they reached the room. They believed that Mr. Kobre had opened the jet preliminary to heating the milk.

Dr. Ray reported that there was none of the usual signs of gas asphyxiation on the man's body. He said he found an abrasion on the forehead and another on the chest—evidence sufficient to satisfy him that the banker had fallen and had lain down to inhale the gas. Mrs. Kobre declared that she heard a fall just before she found her husband's body.

Besides his wife, the banker is survived by three sons, Paul, Morris and Adolph, and two daughters, Sophie and Esther. The funeral will take place today, the interment being in charge of a fraternal order to which he belonged.

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Bonnie Glass, the dancer, has married Ben Ali Haggin, the artist, who recently came into a fortune of about \$10,000,000. Mr. Haggin, who is living at 115 West 122d street, confirmed the report of the marriage over the telephone last night. In private life his bride's name was Miss Helen Ford. She was a former dancing partner of Al Davis, who married Miss Eugene Kelly recently.

Haggin's first wife was Faith Robinson, from whom he recently got a final decree. He was the grandson of James H. Haggin, the famous horseman, who died in 1914 leaving between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It was a part of the estate that the present Mr. Haggin recently inherited. Ben Ali Haggin, the father of the artist, died in 1901. His mother is living at 121 Madison avenue.

Mr. Haggin is a member of the National Art Club and the Macdowell Club. His bride has long been a favorite in Broadway productions.

DEAD SAILORS HONORED.

Memorial Service Held at New York Navy Yard.

Memorial services for the unknown sailors dead, lost or buried at sea were held yesterday afternoon at the New York Navy Yard under the auspices of the central memorial committee of the Sons of Veterans of Brooklyn and Long Island. Between 1,500 and 2,000 were present. Congressman Danahy, Griffin, after reading Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, struck a strong preparedness note by asserting that the army and navy were the only forces that could protect the progress made by the rest of the country.

He said he would rather see the people follow Washington's advice than be disciples of a foreigner. Congressman Griffin said it was his opinion that to President Wilson would fall the honor of mediating the European war and bringing about peace.

A feature of the exercises was the launching of a miniature mortar carrying an American flag and flowers, which despite a mishap that partly overturned it floated down the river with the tide. Among other speakers at the meeting were the Rev. John Lewis Clark, Franz Sigel, Commander Bernard Callaghan and William A. Stuber.

'ALIVE AND WELL,' ESTEE SAYS.

Brother Who Was Reported Missing Clears Up Mystery.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon house at Columbia University, 608 West 113th street, received a telegram yesterday from Ruth G. Estee, the brother of 52 Broad street, who turned up in Duluth on Saturday after having been missing since Wednesday. The despatch came from Minneapolis.

Newspaper talk not true